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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 KYS GROUP CORP., a California
13 Corporation,

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.
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17 ANTHROPOLOGIE, INC., individually
and doing business as "Holding Horses," a
18 Delaware Corporation; URBAN
19 OUTFITTERS, INC., a Delaware
20 Corporation; and DOES 1 through 10,

21 Defendants.
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Case No.:

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR:

1. COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT;
2. VICARIOUS AND/OR CONTRIBUTORY COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

Jury Trial Demanded

1 Plaintiff, KYS GROUP, CORP. (“KYS”), a California Corporation, by and
2 through its undersigned attorneys, hereby prays to this honorable Court for relief
3 based on the following:

4 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5 1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C., § 101
6 *et seq.*

7 2. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and
8 1338 (a) and (b).

9 3. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c) and
10 1400(a) in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the acts and
11 omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

12 **PARTIES**

13 4. Plaintiff KYS is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the
14 State of California.

15 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants
16 ANTHROPOLOGIE, INC., individually and doing business as “HOLDING
17 HORSES” and URBAN OUTFITTERS, INC. (collectively “ANTHROPOLOGIE”),
18 are corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with
19 their principal place of business located at 5000 South Broad Street, Philadelphia,
20 Pennsylvania 19112, and are doing business in and with the State of California.

21 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant DOES
22 1-4, inclusive, are manufacturers, and/or vendors (and/or agent or employee of
23 manufacturers or vendors) of garments to Defendant, which DOE Defendants have
24 manufactured and/or supplied and are manufacturing and/or supplying fabrics and
25 other product printed with Plaintiff’s copyrighted design (as hereinafter defined)
26 without Plaintiff’s knowledge or consent or have contributed to said infringement.
27 The true names, whether corporate, individual or otherwise of Defendants DOES 1-

1 4, inclusive, are presently unknown to Plaintiff, which therefore sues said
2 Defendants by such fictitious names and will seek leave to amend this complaint to
3 show their true names and capacities when same have been ascertained.

4 7. Defendants DOES 5 through 10, inclusive, are other parties not yet
5 identified who have infringed Plaintiff's copyrights, have contributed to the
6 infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights, or have engaged in one or more of the
7 wrongful practices alleged herein, including but not limited to retail stores and others
8 who have sold the garments at issue in this case. The true names, whether corporate,
9 individual or otherwise, of Defendants 5 through 10, inclusive, are presently
10 unknown to Plaintiff, which therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names,
11 and will seek leave to amend this Complaint to show their true names and capacities
12 when same have been ascertained.

13 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times
14 relevant hereto each of the Defendants was the agent, affiliate, officer, director,
15 manager, principal, alter-ego, and/or employee of the remaining Defendants and was
16 at all times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship
17 and/or employment; and actively participated in or subsequently ratified and
18 adopted, or both, each and all of the acts or conduct alleged, with full knowledge of
19 all the facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, full knowledge of each
20 and every violation of Plaintiff's rights and the damages to Plaintiff proximately
21 caused thereby.

22 **CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN KY0365**

23 9. Before the conduct complained of herein, Plaintiff composed an original
24 two-dimensional work of art for use on garments and fabrics to be marketed and sold
25 in the fashion industry. Plaintiff allocated the design the name KY0365 (hereinafter
26 "Subject Design").
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1 10. The Subject Design is an original creation of Plaintiff and Plaintiff's design
2 team and is owned exclusively by Plaintiff.

3 11. Plaintiff registered the Subject Design with the United States Copyright
4 Office.

5 12. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, without
6 Plaintiff's authorization, ANTHROPOLOGIE, and certain DOE Defendants created,
7 sold, manufactured, caused to be manufactured, and distributed garments comprised
8 of fabric featuring a design which is identical, or substantially similar, to Subject
9 Design (hereinafter "Subject Product") without Plaintiff's authorization. Such
10 Accused Product includes, but is not limited to, garments sold by
11 ANTHROPOLOGIE under Style Numbers that include, without limitation, the
12 following: 4110237865226. The garments bore the label "Holding Horses," which
13 Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges is a label controlled and/or
14 operated by ANTHROPOLOGIE.

15 13. Urban Outfitters, Inc. has exhibited a pattern and practice of copyright
16 infringement similar to the infringement alleged herein. Specifically, Urban
17 Outfitters, Inc. has been found to have infringed designers' rights in fabric designs
18 on at least two occasions in the past: *United Fabrics International, Inc. v. Urban*
19 *Outfitters, Inc.*, No. CV100789CBMPLAX and *Unicolors, Inc. v. Urban Outfitters,*
20 *Inc.*, No. CV1401029SJOVBKX.

21 14. A comparison of the Subject Design and a sample of the Subject Product is
22 set forth below; it is apparent that the elements, composition, color, arrangement,
23 layout, and appearance of the designs are substantially similar.

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SUBJECT DESIGN	SUBJECT PRODUCT EXEMPLARS
	<p>Garment:</p>  <p>Garment Detail:</p> 

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(For Copyright Infringement – Against All Defendants, and Each)

15. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates herein by reference as though fully set forth, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

16. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, had access to the Subject Design, including, without limitation, through (a) access to Plaintiff's showroom and/or design library; (b) access to illegally distributed copies of the Subject Design by third-party vendors and/or DOE Defendants, including without limitation international and/or overseas converters and printing mills; (c) access to Plaintiff's strike-offs and samples, and (d) garments manufactured and sold to the public bearing fabric lawfully printed with the Subject Design by Plaintiff for its customers.

17. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that one or more of the Defendants manufactures garments and/or is a garment vendor. Plaintiff is further informed and believes and thereon alleges that said Defendant(s) has an ongoing business relationship with Defendant retailers, and each of them, and supplied garments to said retailers, which garments infringed the Subject Design in that said garments were composed of fabric which featured unauthorized print design(s) that were identical or substantially similar to the Subject Design, or were an illegal derivation or modification thereof.

18. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, infringed Plaintiff's copyrights by creating, making, and/or developing directly infringing and/or derivative works from the Subject Design and by producing, distributing and/or selling garments which infringe the Subject Design

1 through a nationwide network of retail stores, catalogues, and through on-line
2 websites.

3 19. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered substantial
4 damages to its business in an amount to be established at trial.

5 20. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered general and
6 special damages in an amount to be established at trial.

7 21. Due to Defendants' acts of copyright infringement as alleged herein,
8 Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect profits they would
9 not otherwise have realized but for their infringement of the Subject Design. As
10 such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendant's profits directly and
11 indirectly attributable to Defendant's infringement of the Subject Design in an
12 amount to be established at trial.

13 22. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and
14 each of them, have committed acts of copyright infringement, as alleged above,
15 which were willful, intentional and malicious, which further subjects Defendants,
16 and each of them, to liability for statutory damages under Section 504(c)(2) of the
17 Copyright Act in the sum of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)
18 per infringement. Within the time permitted by law, Plaintiff will make its election
19 between actual damages and statutory damages.

20 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

21 (For Vicarious and/or Contributory Copyright Infringement - Against All
22 Defendants)

23 23. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates herein by reference as though
24 fully set forth, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this
25 Complaint.

26 24. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants
27 knowingly induced, participated in, aided and abetted in and profited from the illegal
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1 reproduction and/or subsequent sales of garments featuring the Subject Design as
2 alleged herein.

3 25. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and
4 each of them, are vicariously liable for the infringement alleged herein because they
5 had the right and ability to supervise the infringing conduct and because they had a
6 direct financial interest in the infringing conduct.

7 26. By reason of the Defendants', and each of their acts of contributory and
8 vicarious infringement as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to
9 suffer substantial damages to its business in an amount to be established at trial, as
10 well as additional general and special damages in an amount to be established at
11 trial.

12 27. Due to Defendants', and each of their acts of copyright infringement as
13 alleged herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect
14 profits they would not otherwise have realized but for their infringement of the
15 Subject Design. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants' profits
16 directly and indirectly attributable to Defendants' infringement of the Subject
17 Design, in an amount to be established at trial.

18 28. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and
19 each of them, have committed acts of copyright infringement, as alleged above,
20 which were willful, intentional and malicious, which further subjects Defendants,
21 and each of them, to liability for statutory damages under Section 504(c)(2) of the
22 Copyright Act in the sum of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)
23 per infringement. Within the time permitted by law, Plaintiff will make its election
24 between actual damages and statutory damages.

25 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

26 Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

27 **Against All Defendants**

With Respect to Each Claim for Relief

- a. That Defendants, their agents and employees be enjoined from infringing Plaintiff's copyrights in any manner, specifically those for the Subject Design;
- b. That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants plus all losses of Plaintiff, plus any other monetary advantage gained by the Defendants through their infringement, the exact sum to be proven at the time of trial, or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- c. That a trust be imposed over the revenues derived by Defendants, and each of them, through the sales or distribution of the product at issue;
- d. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys' fees as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- e. That Defendants, and each of them, account to Plaintiff for their profits and any damages sustained by Plaintiff arising from the foregoing acts of infringement;
- f. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- g. That Plaintiff be awarded the costs of this action; and
- h. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the Court deems proper.

Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38 and the 7th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Dated: March 14, 2017	By:	Respectfully submitted, <u>/s/ Scott Alan Burroughs</u> Scott Alan Burroughs, Esq. Trevor W. Barrett, Esq. DONIGER / BURROUGHS Attorneys for Plaintiff
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